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1. Many Sudeten German workmen, particularly technicians, are re-crossing the Saxon border into Czechoslovakia to find employment there. Although these entries are illegal, the Czechoslovaks appear to be doing very little to stop the returning Germans and are said actually to welcome them, providing them with food and helping them to find jobs.

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Comment: Other reports have been received to the effect that the Czechoslovak authorities are definitely encouraging certain Sudeten Germans, particularly highly trained specialists, to return to Czechoslovakia. There has also been an increasing tendency to allow German technicians to retain their places in certain nationalized industries "in advisory capacities".

2. These events are not meeting with the approval of the Soviet authorities, who try to prevent the border crossings whenever they can. The German border police on the Saxon side, however, do very little to stop the crossings.

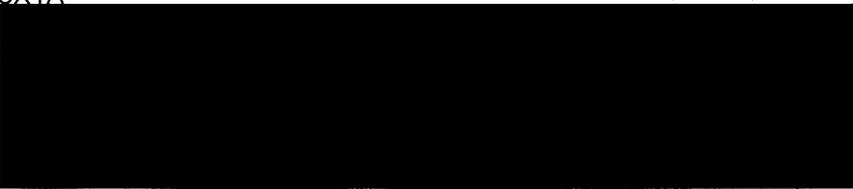
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3. There are also reports in Saxony that the first steps have been taken toward a comprehensive trade agreement between the Czechoslovak Government and the Land Saxony authorities.

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